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Mr. Mark Brodziski
Deputy Administrator
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW.
Room 5803-S, Stop 3201
Washington, DC 20250-3201

Dear Mr. Brodziski:

I write to draw your attention to the application submitted by International Food Solutions, Inc. (IFS) to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program (MPPEP). IFS, a certified minority-owned food manufacturing business headquartered in Florida, is looking to make a significant investment at a neighboring vacant property, a former Goodwill location.

International Food Solutions, Inc. seeks to use MPPEP funding to redevelop the existing vacant property into a poultry processing facility and construct new cold storage that connects the Goodwill building to IFS's existing building, formally known as "Tom Paige Catering." The project is estimated to cost over \$50 million and IFS estimates it will create at least 230 new jobs.

As the U.S. Department of Agriculture considers applications for the Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program, please give full and fair consideration to International Food Solutions, Inc. proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherrod Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sherrod Brown
United States Senator